

## BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20-YEARS AGO

(Taken from the Files of The Evening Farmer)

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

## PUBLIC ACTS.

October Session, 1815.

(An Act in addition to, and alteration of an Act, entitled "An Act for regulating the election of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Assistants, etc.")

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED, That if any person who is not a freeman of this State, admitted and sworn according to law, shall presume to vote or give in his proxy in the election of any of the members of the General Assembly, or of any Representative from this State in the Congress to the United States, or shall vote on any nomination for assistants, or any nomination for Representatives to Congress; or if any freeman shall put in above one vote or proxy at one and the same balloting for Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, Assistants, Secretary, or Treasurer of this State, or for Representatives from this State, to the Congress of the United States, or shall give in any vote or any nomination for assistants, or for Representatives to Congress more than he is entitled by law to do, such person or freeman so offending, shall pay a fine of seventeen dollars to the public treasury of this State.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Eleventh Section of the act aforesaid be, and is hereby repealed.

General Assembly, October Session, 1815.

CHARLES DENNISON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN COTTON SMITH,  
Governor.

Attest: Thomas Day, Secretary.

(An Act in further addition to an Act, entitled "An Act for the providing and regulating jurors in civil actions.")

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL COURT ASSEMBLED, That the towns of Watertown, Winchester, Bethlehem, Warren, Colebrook, Barkhamstead, Plymouth, and Easton shall each choose the number of seven jurors in the same manner that other towns in this State are by law enabled to do, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

General Assembly, October Session, 1815.

CHARLES DENNISON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

JOHN COTTON SMITH,  
Governor.

Attest: Thomas Day, Secretary.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

## CHRONOLOGY OF 1865.

1865-1866.

Before we welcome with mirth, festivity, and bright anticipations of the New Year, and the happy hours of care and recollections, its pleasures and troubles momentarily from our thoughts, it is well to revert to the record of the year now closing, fraught as it has been with so much of moment in the history of the Republic.

One year ago, two separate, distinct, and hostile governments, backed by great armies, were prosecuting within the limits of the United States, the greatest wars known in history. The end of the struggle seemed still far removed—drafts were even then in progress in our Northern States. Lee stood with his host of veterans, troops between the Confederate capital and its besiegers—Sherman, it is true, had swept like a devouring tempest, through Georgia, and was reaching his weary army near Savannah, but it was still a matter of uncertainty and speculation whether he would be able to continue his northward march and successfully join Grant—Charleston and Wilmington still defiantly resisted the mightiest efforts brought against them by the Federal power—and the Confederates confidently declared their ability to continue the struggle indefinitely.

Steadily and surely, however, hastened on the final result. With fire and sword, Sherman marched on and through South Carolina. Charleston was evacuated, Wilmington followed and Grant persistently and stubbornly kept "pecking away" before Richmond and Petersburg.

Suddenly the whole fabric of resistance to the Federal power melted away. Richmond and Petersburg were abandoned by the Confederates; Lee's noble army, after winning immortality and glory on a hundred bloody fields, its ranks decimated and shattered, surrendered to the forces of Gen. Grant; the surrender of Johnston's and Smith's armies followed, and worn out with the mighty struggle, overcome by the power of numbers, wasted by the carnage and trials of four years of devastating war the Confederacy gave up the ghost.

The enthusiasm of the people broke out in every city, town and village of the North; bells rang, cannon thundered; flags waved; returning PEACE was hailed with the acclamations of millions, and President Abraham Lincoln, by leniency, kindness, forbearance, and a conciliatory policy, seemed anxious to restore the dismembered Union to its old place in the hearts of both Northerners and Southerners.

On the night of April 14th, 1865, he was struck down by an assassin, and the whole land plunged into mourning and grief at the suddenness and enormity of the great crime. Swiftly followed the punishment of the principal and his colleagues, and after a brief time both crime and punishment were well nigh forgotten. President Andrew Johnson succeeded to the presidency; President Jefferson Davis, of the Confederate States, was captured and imprisoned; the Southern blockade removed, on the 1st of July; the work of organizing State governments commenced and Provisional governments appointed for all of them; the Constitutional amendment abolishing slavery adopted; Confederate Vice-President Stephens released, and Congress again assembled at the beginning of December.

During the past year the Fenian organization has grown into gigantic proportions, but at the present moment, through conflicting counsels, misunderstandings, and a division of forces, is powerless to achieve any-

thing for the liberation of good old Ireland. We hope this condition of things is not long to continue and that the day is not far distant when Ireland shall take her place among the nations of the earth her rightful position won by the sacrifices and valor of her sons.

Mexico, our unfortunate sister Republic, is battling with fair success against her foreign invaders and Maximilian's prospects are anything but flattering.

## THE CITY OF BRIDGEPORT

The city of Bridgeport is in the midst of a wave of prosperity such as has never before been encountered since the organization of the city of Bridgeport. Several new buildings have been erected, and numerous manufacturing plants have moved to this city. It is our determination to make Bridgeport the industrial center of the State and it is well known to our citizens that we have the necessary facilities to accommodate the enterprising manufacturers, such as railroads and waterfront.

Let us hope there will be more unity than in the past among our citizens in the private walks of life; less political animosity and ill-will; more sociality, forbearance, good-fellowship and community of interest. Party lines have been too often and too closely drawn in Bridgeport; this character clings to us in the past; it will be a happy year for our citizens if 1866 witnesses improvements in these particulars.

To friends and patrons, who in adversity as well as in prosperity have upheld and strengthened the old Farmer, enabling its editors to declare boldly what they sincerely and honestly believed to be the truth; to those who have helped the people's endangered rights and menaced liberties; to be faithful at all times to the best interests of the State and Union; in this hour of peace and prosperity, full of hope for the future, and the great American Republic of Sovereign and Independent States—TO ALL we wish a kindly and a hearty HAPPY NEW YEAR.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO.

## MR. SHANLEY'S FALL.

Thomas Shanley, formerly of this city and now of New York, fell from a ladder while at work in Brooklyn Saturday and received injuries that may prove fatal. He is an energetic and was inspecting some work at the time of the accident. He is a brother of Mrs. E. J. McNamara, and Mrs. John McLean, both of this city. He is a member of the family that owned the Shanley farm in Stratford.

## WITH A NUPTIAL MASS.

Miss Adeline Deserreaux and George M. Carpenter were married in St. Anthony's (French) R. C. church in the West End this morning. Father Ferron officiated. Miss Mary Cardotte was bridesmaid and Henry Carpenter, the groom's brother, acted as best man. After the ceremony the happy couple will reside at 160 Howard avenue.

## BIBEAU'S MUSIC HALL.

That Mr. Bibeau intends to run a first class music hall has been proven beyond a doubt. He has engaged strictly high class vaudeville performers, something that has not been done in this city in years, and that the audience will appreciate his plan is shown nightly by the crowds that attend. This week the following will appear: Fannie Gonzales, vocal selections; the Bingham, ventriloquists and facial expressions; Clara Cole, acrobats; Eddie Horan, black face comedian; in "The Dance of the Seasons"; Annie Ashley, vocalist.

## OFF FOR FLORIDA.

Mr. and Mrs. Archibald McNeil, Sr., started today for Palm Beach, Fla., where they expect to stay until spring.

## CHIEF RANGER IN MERIDEN.

Grand Chief Ranger McCarthy left for Meriden this afternoon and will tonight institute Court George R. Curtis, No. 100, there. There will soon be 100 courts of Foresters in this State.

## OPEN HOUSE TOMORROW.

The old time custom of "calling" New Year's Day has been relegated into innocuous desuetude at least in Bridgeport. The club reception are now in the form of "open house" so that society will meet for an exchange of greetings and compliments of the season. For instance, there will be a tea and New Year reception at the Country club tomorrow afternoon. The reception committee tomorrow are Mrs. Sidney Bishop, Mrs. J. M. Hawley, Mrs. C. M. Calhoun, Mrs. C. B. Read, Mrs. W. D. Bishop, Mrs. Warren B. Briggs, Mrs. Brad Pierce, Jr., and the Misses May Read, Florence Jones and Marion DeForest. The Seaside and Algonquin clubs will hold open houses from 6 to 12 p. m.

## DOINGS AT WINTER QUARTERS.

Laura, Baby Elephant, and Tapir Dead Since the Barnum & Bailey Wild West shows arrived at their winter quarters in the West End, the various departments have been very busy and the different buildings are now in order.

The most interesting work at the quarters is the training of the seven young elephants which recently arrived. They are under the care of "Bill" Newman, who has already taught them several tricks. They have been named as follows: "Lizzie," "Alice," after Princess Alice; "Albert" after the Prince of Wales; "Ruth" after the President's daughter; "Fanny" after Fanny Davenport, the actress; "Nellie," after Nellie Bly, and "Bill".

The best trained elephant of the herd is "Ruth," who is being taught clown work. The youngest elephant of the herd, which was called "Laura," died yesterday. She was only 1 1/2 years old, and the most intelligent of the drove. She had only been sick since Friday.

In the animal department a loss which will be hard to replace is that of the saddle-back tapir, which died a short time ago. The animal was a young one and was caught in India after a great deal of expense and trouble. They are very scarce and difficult to capture.

There are three herds of elephants, all in charge of George Conklin and his assistants, Joe Beattie and Abbie

Bates.

## CITY COURT REVENUE

The total revenue paid into the city court during the past quarter in fines, costs, forfeited bonds and fees from the jailer and Superior court amounts to \$3,385.64. The number of cases tried this quarter were 599.

## ALGONQUIN'S XMAS GIFTS

The Algonquin club held their Christmas tree party last evening, in accordance with their established custom. The following were the presents received: John Rusling, a pack of cards, all aces; Henry Patchen, a bar of old iron done up in white paper; John Hawley, presented with a political boom. He placed it in Mayor Clark's pocket for safe keeping; Henry Bishop's gift was 1,000 shares of Alaska, North Pole and Hudson Bay R. R. Co., the par value being nothing; John Giles was made happy upon the receipt of a gavel; Fred Whipple was presented with a lapsed policy of Shirebark Life Insurance Co.; Dr. Godfrey's gift was a trousseau on the Williams.

Lyon received plans for the straightening of the Housatonic Railroad; Jesse Cornwall, the secretary of the club, was presented with a solid tin trumpet to blow his own horn; Frank Wilson received a miniature trunk, and that is the way the gifts ran.

## EMERGENCY HOSPITAL CASES

Charles Lewis, of 167 State street, while whittling with a large pocket knife yesterday, let it slip, and the blade cut a deep gash in his hand. Frank Mack, a cook, while at work in a Water street restaurant yesterday, had his right hand painfully burned by a pot of grease which tumbled over on the stove.

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## STRATFORD NOTES

Tower Master James Green and wife are much pleased with the arrival of a baby boy.

Daniel C. Wood has commenced cutting chestnut trees for telegraph poles and railroad ties.

## WAGON UPSETS

John Reid, and his son, John Jr., the jewellers, were thrown out of their team in front of the Wilson home in John street last evening. Only half of the wagon was open, and in trying to turn out one team they attempted to turn out and were upset, but not injured.

The Bank of England bought 10,000 pounds in bar gold.

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## MRS. VANDERBILT LOSES A \$10,000 EARRING AT GOLF

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 3.—Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt shared honors with President Wilson and his bride in furnishing excitement for the visitors here yesterday. She lost on the golf links a pearl earring valued at \$10,000. Almost the entire population expected the Presidential couple took part in the hunt for the gem when a \$500 reward was announced for its recovery.

The earring was picked up near the twelfth hole just before sundown by Adam Green, the professional golf player.

Mrs. Vanderbilt was covering the course in a match game with Mrs. Joseph Harriman, when she discovered her loss. She returned straightway to the hotel and posted the reward. In an amazingly short time the golf course looked as though half the population of Bath county were taking part in the search.

Mrs. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Harriman were leading the searching parties near the twelfth hole when Green spied the glittering pearl which he picked up and handed to his happy owner.

## ESSAD PASHA DECLARES

## WAR AGAINST TEUTONS?

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Journal's correspondent at Avlona, Albania, sends the following under date of Thursday:

"The Gallaans now have a fairly strong contingent here and have sent a regiment to Durazzo. All these troops, seem intended for garrison duty and there is no sign that they are preparing to march toward Macedonia, although an effective blow could be struck at the badly equipped Bulgarian army which would be taken on the flank."

It is reported that Essad Pasha has declared war on Austria and Bulgaria. He has 20,000 armed men. His action, if confirmed, will be of real assistance to the entente allies."

## GERMAN AVIATOR AND

## MECHANICIAN DESERT

Paris, Dec. 31.—A German aviation lieutenant, accompanied by his mechanic, deserted with an aeroplane," says the Calais correspondent of the Excelsior. "They flew over the Dutch border, being greeted by volleys from the frontier guards and landed at the village of Aardburg. They have been interned at Flushing."

Germany has recognized the Caranza government.

## Edison's Genius Finds Ways to Improve Navy



EDISON INSPECTS A SUBMARINE  
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Thomas A. Edison outlined for the naval consulting board at a meeting at the Brooklyn navy yard his plans for a physical research laboratory, or "trial shop," for the navy department as one of the most pressing needs of the campaign for preparedness. The members of the board decided, as one of them put it after the meeting, to "chuck overboard" their comparatively undeveloped plans when Mr. Edison had submitted one which he had worked out with his accustomed marvel of detail and practicality. The members of the board were conducted by naval officers of the yard on an inspection trip aboard the submarine E-2, which is equipped with the Edison storage battery, and the K-1, in which the lead battery is installed. The picture shows Mr. Edison on the E-2.

Official denial was made at Berlin that the famous bronze statue of King Arthur of England, in the Franciscan church at Innsbruck had been melted to make cannon.

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After denouncing the government for not making better military preparation, some employers of labor will proceed to turn down applicants for work because they want a little time off in summer to attend militia camp.

Who says the magazines are not contributing to popular uplift, when nearly 10,000 girls wrote to a popular periodical this year asking for information as to how they can make themselves more beautiful.

After Christmas some merchants advertise their surplus stock, turn it

into cash, and put in new goods, others carefully lay the old stuff away until next year, without making any effort to turn it, and then they complain of dull times.

Some people think the money spent in Christmas decorations should be given to the poor, but so far as noticed none of these critics has directed a subscription paper for that charitable purpose.

One of the most popular Christmas gifts is a waste basket to put the January 1 bills in.